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Paul Brooks
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Dear Mr. Brooks

Please consider the Tuscarora people to be acknowledged in official capacity as a State recognized Tribe in North Carolina. I fully support the Tuscarora people for this State recognition.

Chief Mitchelle Locklear of the Tuscarora Tribe has made a dedicated effort to establish the people of his tribe in the State of North Carolina. In Chief Locklear's words, "my people have been through a great hardship and heartache. They have waited long enough for this recognition." The tribe has an undoubtedly rich history in North Carolina, dating back to the late sixteenth century where they settled on the coast near the Pamlico, Neuse, Roanoke and Tar Rivers. Historian William S. Powell writes, "Although the Tuscarora were defeated in the Tuscarora War (1711-1713), they were, "considered the most powerful and highly developed tribe in what is now eastern North Carolina" (p. 1140). This rich history and the vitality of the tribe today must be acknowledged in North Carolina.

Respectfully,

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